

## LOCKED IN ROOM FOUR MEN FIGHT BLOOD BATTLE

Knives, Dentists' Instruments and Pistols Figure in Battle Which Continues Until All Drop from Exhaustion

### BUSINESS TROUBLES GIVEN AS CAUSE

One Has Bullet Wound, Another Throat Cut, Third Knife Wound in Arm and the Fourth Man Cut and Dazed

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 11.—Locked in a room on the sixth floor of a popular downtown hotel here tonight, four men fought with knives, dentists' instruments and pistols until all were too badly wounded to continue. The battle was a sequel to business differences between two dentists.

When the police and hotel guests broke into the room, they found Dr. A. F. Johnson, a local dentist, unconscious with a bullet wound in the head; Dr. Charles W. Kennedy, of San Antonio, Tex., with blood pouring from a knife wound in his arm; another man who had registered as W. E. Arnold of Mobile, Ala., unconscious on the bed with his throat cut, and Charles Lody, an assistant to Dr. Johnson, cut, bruised, and dazed.

Late tonight Dr. Johnson was in the operating room of the city hospital in a critical condition; Dr. Kennedy and his friend Arnold were prisoners in the city hospital, and Lody was being treated by friends and relatives of Dr. Johnson for saving the latter's life.

Lody and Kennedy, the only two of the four able to talk, told conflicting stories. Lody said he and Dr. Johnson had been lured to the room by a fake request for professional services and had been attacked by Dr. Kennedy and Arnold. Dr. Kennedy admitted having business differences with Dr. Johnson, his former partner but said Johnson and Lody were the first to attack.

The man whose throat is cut registered at the hotel this morning as "Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Arnold." This same man, according to Lody, called at Dr. Johnson's office this morning and after having his teeth cleaned, requested Dr. Johnson to come to the hotel tonight and treat "Mrs. Arnold." Hotel attaché said that they saw a woman with "Arnold" in the bed of the room assigned to "Arnold," however, two pillows were wrapped in a sheet to give the appearance of a human form.

### MIDSHIPMEN MAY RESIGN

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—All of the 82 midshipmen at Annapolis who were recommended for dismissal because they failed on their mid-season examination, will be permitted to resign, instead of having the blot of expulsion from the service against their record. After approving the academic board's recommendation that the midshipmen be dismissed, Secretary Daniels today wrote to Captain Eberle, superintendent of the naval academy, authorizing him to accept resignations.

### CONSULS WON'T SIT TOGETHER

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11.—Consular representatives of belligerent countries in Portland have declined to sit together at a proposed international Washington birthday banquet, sponsored by the chamber of commerce, which was to have been held in Portland, and as a result the banquet has been canceled. The chamber of commerce now has proposed to hold two banquets, but the consuls have frowned on this plan, too, in view of the previous faux pas. The consuls explained they could not appear "officially" with representatives of enemy countries.

## ARMED WITH RIFLES READY TO HOLD VALUABLE POTASH CLAIMS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Feb. 11.—Details of the manner in which men armed with rifles prepared for a night battle in 1915, for possession of valuable potash claims at Seales Lake, was told today in the superior court by E. D. Rasor, an engineer employed by H. E. Lee, representing interests attempting to eject the California Trona company from the land. The men under Lee, Wyatt Earp and Rasor were ordered to lie in wait in the sage brush of the San Bernardino desert, ready to open fire on the men expected to appear to contest claims filed by the Lee party, according to the testimony given by Rasor during his cross examination.

## UNITED STATES SOON CONFRONTED BY NEW DIPLOMATIC PHASES

As Result of Unexpected Intention of Germans and Austrians to Treat Armed Merchantmen as Warships After February 29

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Diplomatic negotiations of various character soon will confront the United States as the result of the expected intention of the German and Austrian governments to treat armed merchantmen of the entente allies as war vessels after February 29.

Apparently it is certain, if the temper of the allied governments can be judged by the feelings of their diplomatic representatives here, that any attempt by the United States to change the present rule permitting the use of American ports by merchant ships armed for defensive purposes will be met by a strong protest. Correspondence also is likely to follow if the United States assumes a position which coincides with that of Germany and Austria regarding the right of submarines to sink armed ships without warning.

On the other hand, the United States itself may take the initiative, should the entente allies impose a virtual boycott on American ports in the event of this government deciding that armed merchant ships entering American waters are ships of war, and therefore subject to internment.

The definite attitude of the United States toward the stated intention of Germany and Austria will be determined after the formal texts of the notes which have been handed to Ambassador Gerard and Ambassador Penfield are received from Berlin and Vienna. Once the texts are before officials here, it is believed the position of this government quickly will be defined.

Only 18 days remain before Austrian and German submarine commanders will start to put their new instructions into operation.

The view of at least some of the representatives of the entente allies here is that any change made in the rule bearing on submarine warfare during the war would be an unequal act. The governments are representing as not being prepared to admit there has been any change in the conditions of naval warfare which would warrant merchant ships armed for defensive purposes being characterized as warships.

In Tonicic quarters, however, it is contended that merchant ships armed for defensive purposes are really armed for resistance and that merchant ships have no right to resist. Moreover, it is claimed by Germany that it is impossible to adhere to the principle of warning merchant ships in accordance with the views of the United States, should they be armed, a single shell of small caliber being sufficient to sink any submarine which might attempt to warn such a vessel. It is admitted submarines have a right to stop every enemy armed merchantman.

American officials seem inclined to the view that the contentions of the German and Austrian governments are well founded, and from several quarters today came the information that the United States might warn its nationals to remain off merchant ships that are armed. This, it was said in German quarters, was precisely what the German and Austrian governments have been aiming to achieve.

The possibility of the entente allies putting into effect a practical boycott of American ports was widely discussed in official circles during the day. It has been intimated that the allies might see fit to permit only a sufficient number of their unarmed ships to enter American ports to take away merchandise and goods consigned to themselves. It was admitted in high official quarters that should such a plan be put into effect, action of some kind might have to be taken.

## PORTLAND FACES DANGER OF FLOOD FROM RISING RIVERS

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11.—The Willamette river has reached the 20 foot flood stage and is still rising. The current has become violent and tonight two river steamers crashed into the steel bridge known as the Harman bridge here. Both were damaged. The vessels had fought hard against the flood current in the river but were unable to make the draw

passage. The water was turbulent and the vessels were shunted like driftwood until cables were strong. Tow boats were unable to rescue the steamers. Deep sea tugs were ordered to the scene. A fog has been hanging over the river all day making the rescue work difficult. For a time it was feared the bridge would be endangered.

While the Willamette above Portland was reported receding yesterday a rise was reported again today to new rains. Tonight, however, observations at Oregon City are that the rise had ceased. The river in Portland has reached a stage considered dangerous by the weather bureau officials. The normal low water level is 28 feet and the river is 29 feet above this point. Merchandise from all the lower level docks has been removed and some of the waterfront basements have been flooded.

The Columbia river, whose confluence with the Willamette is twelve miles below Portland is rising rapidly a rise of 8.7 feet having been reached at The Dalles and eight feet at Hood River in the last 24 hours.

### CANDIDATES ARE PLEDGED TO SUPPORT ROOSEVELT

BOSTON, Feb. 11.—Announcement of the candidates of Grafton D. Cushing, Charles Sumner Bird, A. P. Gardner, and Robert M. Washburn for delegates-at-large to the republican national convention, pledged to support Theodore Roosevelt for president, was made tonight. Mr. Bird was the progressive candidate for governor in two campaigns and last fall supported the republican candidate, Governor McCall.

## EIGHTEEN ARE REPORTED DEAD IN COAL MINE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

INDIANA, Pa., Feb. 11.—Eighteen men are reported to have been killed, four others injured and about six more entombed by an explosion of gas late today in mine number 2 of the Jefferson and Clearfield coal and iron company at Ernest, six miles from here. James McGuire, aged 39, one of the rescuers who was overcome by gas and was brought here late tonight, said that before 12 left fifteen bodies were brought to the surface. One body, that of George Hunter, Jr., a mine motorman, was recovered earlier. More than one hundred rescuers are working in relays in an effort to penetrate the workings to reach the entombed men.

Two additional bodies were recovered shortly before midnight. Rescuers say that the condition of the air inside the mine is very bad and very little hope is held out for the entombed men.

The explosion occurred in an entry off the main entry of the mine. More than 100 men were at work at the time but all managed to escape with the exception of thirty-seven who were trapped by falling rock and debris. Rescue parties were organized at once and thirteen of this number were brought to the surface several hours after the explosion. A number were seriously hurt.

Later the body of George Hunter Jr., aged 25, mine motorman, was recovered.

### Powder Lets Go

NEW CASTLE, Del., Feb. 11.—Six hundred pounds of powder exploded in a dry house at the projectile plant of the Bethlehem Steel company near here tonight, injuring two workmen and completely wrecking the building. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

There was no one in the dry house at the time, the injured men being employed in an adjoining building. Several nearby structures were slightly damaged. The force of the blast was terrific and was felt for miles around. The financial loss is trivial.

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## BERKELEY WOMAN D. A. R. REGENT

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### MORNINGSTAR LEANS 309

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 11.—Ora C. Morningstar, former world champion at billiards, tonight made a run of 309 at 18.2 ball in an exhibition match with Ledyard Blake, crack amateur of New York, now a student of aviation here. This run was within three points of the world's record, made by Calvin Demarest in Chicago in 1910.

## PAY TRIBUTE TO B. T. WASHINGTON

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Tribute to the memory and achievements of the late Booker T. Washington were paid by leaders in negro educational work at a memorial meeting held tonight at Carnegie hall under the auspices of Tuskegee institute, which Dr. Washington established, Hampton institute and the National League on Urban Conditions among Negroes. Seth Low, former mayor of New York, presided.

Major Robert R. Moton, commandant of cadets at Hampton institute, and who has been elected to succeed Dr. Washington as head of Tuskegee, eulogized the late negro leader and described his labors for the uplift of his race.

### CHARGE AGAINST STATE TREASURER

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

ST. PAUL, Feb. 11.—Walter J. Smith, Minnesota state treasurer, was placed under surveillance at a Minneapolis sanitarium tonight, following his indictment by a county jury here in connection with misappropriation of state funds. A warrant for his arrest, it was said tonight, will be served as soon as he is in condition to be removed to this city.

Three indictments charging Smith with first degree grand larceny, were returned late yesterday. R. C. Pickett, former clerk of the state investment board, is under arrest on two indictments charging forgery in connection with the same alleged irregularities.

All funds said to have been obtained through forgery, aggregating more than \$25,000 have been repaid.

### SAY BOY AIDED IN FATHER'S MURDER

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

GREENVILLE, Pa., Feb. 11.—J. Fred Christy, aged 17, son of John W. Christy, wealthy farmer whose body was found at the bottom of an abandoned mine shaft near here last Tuesday and Fay Elzeveler, aged 26, were arrested here today and charged with the murder of Christy. According to the authorities, Christy confessed his part in the crime, saying he gave Elzeveler \$50 to fire the shot which caused his father's death. Robbery was the motive for the crime, according to the police. After the boys had been given hearing late today they were hurriedly taken from here to Mercer, 20 miles distant, owing to fears of possible violence.

### BIG FROST SEEN ON PLANET MARS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Feb. 11.—What appears to be the first spring frost in Mars for this season has just been detected by the astronomers of the Lowell observatory, in latitude 34 degrees and longitude 28 degrees. The north polar ice is in active process of melting, a circular rift having appeared half way through it which is widening and which is connected with the border by radial tributary rifts.

The cap is surrounded by a clear, blue band unlike the tint of the vegetative markings.

### DEFENSE TESTIMONY IN THE BEALE CASE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SANTA BARBARA, Feb. 11.—The defense in the second John E. Beale estate contest, today introduced testimony to show that cordial relations had existed between the man and wife during the last years of his lifetime. That Mr. Beale was most active mentally during the same period and long after the questioned will was drawn, was stated by a number of witnesses, some of whom were not called at the first trial.

The trial will be resumed Monday and undoubtedly concluded in a few days.

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## THOUSAND CLIFTON MINERS GO OUT ON STRIKE YESTERDAY

(Special to The Republican)

CLIFTON, Ariz., Feb. 11.—Nearly 1,000 copper company employees walked out at the plants of the Detroit Copper Company and the Shannon Copper company in the Clifton-Morenci district today, causing a complete shutdown of the smelter, mills and mines of the district, and badly crippling the operations of the Shannon whose concentrator and leacher is idle. While not more than 100 men in the employ of the Shannon are out, the closing down of the concentrator and leacher, if continued any length of time will necessitate the closing down of the entire plant or the substitution of an entirely new force to operate them.

The latest strike which has not yet become general, but which is of such proportions as to cause serious apprehension throughout the district, was precipitated when two union men were discharged by the mine superintendent of the Detroit Company on complaint of two non-union miners who claimed that the union men had threatened them with bodily harm if they appeared at the mines again without first having secured union cards. The men upon being discharged, reported to the executive committee of the miners, and a delegation visited the superintendent demanding the reinstatement of the discharged employees. This demand was refused and at 3 o'clock this afternoon about 900 men of the Detroit company walked out and announced they would not return to work until their companions had been reinstated.

The original trouble occurred at the Ryerson shaft of the Detroit company and it is said the non-union men, upon appearing there after being first ordered to secure union cards, were ordered away from the shaft.

At the Shannon plant yesterday twenty-five to one hundred men left the concentrator and leacher. The mines and smelter of the Shannon company are still running. So far the walkout has not affected the Arizona Copper company. The men say they are determined that the discharged men shall be reinstated before they will return to work. There has been no disorder in the district because of this new strike.

## GARRISON GONE CONGRESS WILL AGREE ON PLAN

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—A new note of harmony and co-operation on national defense problem was struck in the house military committee today as a direct result of the resignation of Secretary Garrison of the war department. It found expression in the adoption of a resolution declaring the committee's appreciation of the confidence President Wilson reposed in it and in the senate committee, as disclosed in his correspondence with Mr. Garrison.

The non-partisan character of the feeling was emphasized by the fact that the resolution was offered by Representative Kahn of California, ranking republican member of the committee. Members of both the congressional committees declared that the war secretary's withdrawal has brought out sharply the president's desire that congress should work out its army problems in the light of its own best judgment, despite his personal preference for the continental army scheme advocated by Mr. Garrison and the army war college. The net result, they agreed, was a clarification of the congressional atmosphere and the assurance of support for the bills that will be drafted from elements of both sides that heretofore had counted against the measures.

In substance, it is believed, the bills will represent an effort to make effective virtually all of the plans of the war department with the exception that federalization of the national guard will be sought as a substitute for the continental army plan.

Final steps toward beginning the drafting of the measure were taken by both house and senate committees today. Both will take up the work Monday and it is planned to hold all day sessions whenever the business of two houses will permit. The house committee brought to a close today public hearings on army plans. Present indications are that the house bill will lay its stress upon provisions designed to federalize the national guard, while the senate committee's main effort will go into the regular army and the national guard. The final measures sent to the president for his signature will be a compromise, it is thought, each house being willing to accept the judgment of the other to a large extent in its own particular field.

The house bill, it is expected, will provide for payment of national guardsmen who comply with all regulations laid down by congress on a basis sufficiently liberal to insure the recruiting of approximately 100,000 men, the ultimate size of the proposed continental army.

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[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 11.—Theodore Roosevelt was declared to be the preference of three candidates for delegate to the republican national convention in petitions filed here today with Secretary of State Lewis G. Stevens. Two of the men are from the Eighteenth district, the home of "Uncle Joe" Cannon.

### PROGRESSIVES REAFFIRM BELIEF

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 11.—The New Hampshire progressive committee today reaffirmed belief in the fundamental principles which caused the break with the republican party in 1912, but expressed a readiness to "subordinate mere partisan issues and not to haggle over past grievances."

## SUCCESSOR TO WAR SECRETARY NAMED IN WEEK

President Leaves on Week-End Cruise, During Which Time He Will Consider Names of Applicants; Decision Coming Soon

### SUCCESSOR MUST BE WELL INFORMED

Prominent Democratic Politicians from All Over the Country Have Been Mentioned as Succeeding to the High Position

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—President Wilson left Washington tonight with Mrs. Wilson for a week-end cruise down the Potomac river and Chesapeake bay on the naval yacht Mayflower, during which he will consider the selection of a successor to Lindley M. Garrison as secretary of war. He expects to return late Sunday night or early Monday morning.

It was said tonight by the president's advisers that he wanted to reach a decision as quickly as possible and that he probably would be ready to send the nomination to the senate early next week. An assistant secretary to succeed Henry Breckenridge in all likelihood will not be named until the new secretary is chosen.

Secretary Lane of the interior, Secretary Houston of agriculture and Frank L. Polk, counselor of the state department, are understood to be under serious consideration, and the names of twenty or more other men have been suggested to the president. These include former Governor Harmon of Ohio, Colonel E. M. House, former Governor Walsh of Massachusetts, former Mayor Baker of Cleveland, Senator Stone of Missouri, Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the senate military committee, and several other members of congress.

The president is said to be desirous of naming a man already in touch with the military situation, who could take up immediately the direction of the war department where Mr. Garrison left off. It is intimated by his friends, however, that he may select some one not yet mentioned publicly in connection with the position.

The president spent several hours today in going over the qualifications of various men suggested. A cabinet meeting was held, but Mr. Wilson did not seek advice on the subject there. Tonight he attended a dinner given in his honor by Postmaster General Burleson and immediately afterward boarded the Mayflower.

Former Assistant Breckenridge was at the war department for a short time today and later left with his wife for an indefinite stay at Jamestown Island, Va. His friends expect him to return to his home in Lexington, Ky., to resume the practice of law. It was said he might identify himself for a time with the campaign for national defense. C. C. Wybright of Alliance, O., who served as adjutant general of the Ohio National Guard under Governor Harmon, has been suggested to the president for the assistant secretaryship.

### TONG SHOOTING IN STOCKTON

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 11.—Ah Wing and Henry Lee, two Suiy Sing tong men were arrested tonight immediately after shooting a Suiy Ong tong man in the local oriental district. A policeman saw the shots fired and captured both gunmen before they could escape. The Suiy Ong man who was killed is said to be the son of a prominent Chinese merchant in Fresno but as yet his identification has not been confirmed.

### FOR "WHITE SUPREMACY"

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SFELMA, Ala., Feb. 11.—With the motto of "home rule, states' rights and white supremacy" the Alabama anti-suffrage society was organized here tonight. Miss Nellie Baker of this city was elected president. The first action was to send a telegram to the house judiciary committee at Washington protesting against the proposed constitutional amendment enfranchising woman.

## TONG WAR IN 'FRISCO CHINATOWN RESULTS IN FOUR BEING SHOT

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—A tong war in which four men were shot, one fatally, broke out in the Chinese quarter here tonight when a gang of young Chinese, members of the Suiy Ong Tong entered a Chinese theater and forcibly took seats in which a number of Suiy Sing men were enjoying the show.

The Suiy Sing men went home and got their guns with which they opened fire on the Suiy Ongs as the latter emerged from the theater. One Suiy Ong man, known in the quarter as "Stumpy" was shot through the head and will die. Leonard Tonsi of Berkeley and Peter Milanovich, a resident of the Chinese quarter, innocent bystanders were wounded slightly by bullets.

The fighters dispersed when the noise of battle brought on the police but resumed twenty minutes later in another part of the quarter and in the second engagement Pang Sing, also a Suiy Ong, went down with a bullet in his side.

The police said tonight that they had the situation under control and believed the war to be over.